



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus’ disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything. This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior.

DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING ONE

WORDS OF WELCOME	Elder of the Day
OPENING HYMN <i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i>	LSB 686
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION	LSB page 151
KYRIE	LSB pages 152-153
HYMN OF PRAISE <i>“This is the Feast”</i>	LSB page 155
SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY	
Pastor: The Lord be with you.	
People: And also with you.	
Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You.	
People: Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation.	
Pastor: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.	
People: Amen.	

‡ WORD ‡

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 32:1-7

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

People: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:1–10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE [Common]

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:1–20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their

angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

THE SERMON

“Lessons Learned from a Child”

Matthew 18:1-5

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we depend on You as we share the Good News.

Pastor: For the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility and faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we depend on You as we serve You with our lives.

Pastor: For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we depend on You as we live as Your children.

Pastor: For all public servants who selflessly serve others, both those who serve locally and those in positions throughout the world, that they would entrust their lives into the protecting care of their Maker, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we depend on You for Your protection.

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we depend on You for Your healing touch.

Pastor: (Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”),

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds, that our gracious God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Father, we depend on You for everything. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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****5:30PM SAT. EVENING & 9:00AM SUN. MORNING WORSHIP ****

‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

COMMUNION LITURGY

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly”

CCS 44

by Will L. Thompson

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me. (*Refrain*)

Refrain

**Come home, come home,
You who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

2. O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. (*Refrain*)

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HYMN

“Father, I Adore You”

CCS 15

By Terrye Coelho

1. Father I adore you, lay my life before you, How I love you.
2. Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you, How I love you.
3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, How I love you.

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HYMN

“How Can I Thank You, Lord”

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

LSB 920

(sung to tune LSB 461)



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

Jeff Derksen

Elder

Gretchen Schilling

Organist

9:00AM SUNDAY

Bill Erck

Elder

Kris Deardoff

Organist

Mike Beyer

Congregational Chairman

Rick Melius

Head Elder